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This is a decision on the reconsideration request under 37 CFR 3.81(b), filed May 22, 2006, to accept the correction of the assignee data.

The request under 37 CFR 3.81(b) is **GRANTED**.

37 CFR 3.81(b) currently states:

Any request for issuance of an application in the name of the assignee submitted after the date of payment of the issue fee, and any request for a patent to be corrected to state the name of the assignee, must state that the assignment was submitted for recordation as set forth in § 3.11 before issuance of the patent, and must include a request for a certificate of correction under § 1.323 of this chapter (accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.20(a)) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i) of this chapter.

In other words, the request under 37 CFR 3.81(b) will be granted when:

- (1) a request under 37 CFR 3.81 and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i) are filed,
- (2) the assignment was submitted for recordation prior to issuance of the patent, and
- (3) a request for a certificate of correction and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(a) are submitted.

Petitioners have met the requirements set forth above. Therefore, the request is granted.

Regarding finances, petitioners have paid two \$100.00 Certificate of Correction fees. Only one fee is required. Deposit account no. 14-1140 will be credited \$100.00.

The file is being forwarded to the Certificates of Correction Branch for issuance of the requested Certificate of Correction.

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